



February 23, 2023 – 1000-1100 – In-person and virtual Meeting

Next meeting: Thu, 11 May 2023

## Environmental Quality Control Committee (EQCC) Meeting Minutes

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Environmental Quality Control Committee
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	1st QTR CY23
<b>FACILITATOR</b>	George Reed-Harmon – Environmental Program Manager, CFMO
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	George Reed-Harmon – Environmental Program Manager, CFMO
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<p><u>In-person</u>: Corinne Barker, Thomas Blume, John Fot, SGT Foose, Damon Hunt, Timmie Maturan-Lee, Amanda Pole, Paris Purnhagen, George Reed-Harmon, Cheryl Settle, MAJ Schlittenhart, WOC Beam, WOC Jett</p> <p><u>Virtual</u>: COL Brewer, LTC Delavega, Daniel Dyer, Michelle Pletcher, Amy Steinhilber, Wayne Stone, Laura Sliger,</p>

### 1. Opening Comments

- a. COL Brewer appreciated everyone's time and started the meeting.

### 2. WAARNG Environmental Point of contacts

- a. Announced the Environmental Administrative Assistant position was advertised and hiring soon.
- b. Stated the [env@mil.wa.gov](mailto:env@mil.wa.gov) email will be utilized as the point of contact for projects by the end of the year.

### 3. Action items from 4th QTR

- a. Reviewed action items and extended suspense date:
  - (1) medical monitoring – new date 30 Jun
  - (2) spill policy update – new date 30 Jun
  - (3) EMS documents and EQCC leadership goals – new date 9 Mar
  - (4) Redmond equipment removal blocking drums – new date 31 Mar
- b. Reviewed EPAS findings – noted that Timmie did not receive confirmation from several units reference the EPAS memos that were sent with action required. Next step is for COL Sellars to get involved to assist with resolution.

### 4. WAARNG Program Area Updates

- a. Hazardous Waste Management
  - (1) Environmental is working with DES for other ways to get rid of waste – A WA DES Master Contract for Hazardous Waste does exist – WMD to transition all waste disposal to the DES contract that is not required to be turned in to DLA. For this action, additional information is needed from JAG to see if it is practical to use State DES contract for recyclable materials.
  - (2) Discussed the Ecology inspection report of YTC Mates that was received on 20 Jan 2023 – corrective actions were submitted prior to suspense of 20 Feb. John is working on the revision of the regulation for labeling of State only Dangerous Wastes.
- b. EPAS
  - (1) 2019 External EPAS Update – represents an increase of 19% from previous quarter and on track to close by 2nd QTR FY23 before the scheduled external EPAS inspection in May 2023.
  - (2) 2019-2021 EPAS updates: remaining findings are Level 3- internal policies and DOD, Class I findings against Federal, State and local regulations are closed.
  - (3) 2023 EPAS timeline - self-explanatory on slide
  - (4) Memorandum will be sent to LTC Brathvolde, G3, for distribution to all sites and commanders
  - (5) Ensure to schedule accordingly for the 19 May brief out with TAG and NGB assessors



(6) Dates are for situational awareness, however, the ICAP is reviewed by the board and will be sent out prior to 15 Apr for board approval through email.

(7) Site selections are: Sedro Woolley, Seattle, Montesano, Redmond, Yakima Training Center, Moses Lake, JBLM, and Snohomish, Wenatchee, Camp Murray and Spokane-Geiger Field.

c. NEPA/SEPA

(1) Discussed that a submission process for Environmental-NEPA review will be coming soon. This process will be the reviews for things like unit movements, unit training and will be a form to submit. This form will be reviewed by Environmental to see what assessments, if any, need to be conducted for your activity and/or project.

(2) Categorical exclusion was defined by Corinne and examples were provided for an event and the timeline it needed. The link for further explanation is located on the NEPA slide.

d. Cultural/Natural Resources

(1) The Olympia MOA for the signage project is underway and working to find a location at the site for the sign

(2) The Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan and Integrated Wildland Fire Management Plan were discussed at to the requirements and areas of responsibilities – see Natural Resources Management slide for further details.

c. Spill Reporting

(1) Yakima MATES is in approval channels but will be retracted. Planning on removing 3,000 gallon tank located at YTC 951 from the requirements of the plan due to field verification. Pending our as-builts to determine the volume of diesel remaining in the tank.

(2) Last Plan is Sedro-Woolley, received 22 FEB 2023 and anticipated for finalization by the end of February 2023.

## 5. WAANG Environmental Updates

a. Stormwater Management Plan and MOU – working to submit update to Timmie.

b. Camp Murray landfill – has caused some issues in the Air Guard area. The contamination from the landfill is above the limitations.

## 6. Environmental Reporting

a. Discharge Monitoring Report for Seattle Pier 91 exceeded the benchmark for turbidity in 4th quarter 2022 - resulted in 2 exceedances for the calendar year for a single parameter – review of site stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) (Complete) and implementation of structural BMPs is required. Timmie stated WMD was able to demonstrate compliance with a second result in 4th QTR 2022 despite still exceeding the average for the quarter. Environmental is in the process of requesting a waiver from the Department of Ecology – requiring TAG's signature with deadline of 31 Aug 23.

b. Camp Murray Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit is now in renewal cycle, with some new requirements especially regarding GIS and mapping, which maintaining the environmental GIS program is critical.

## 7. Emergent Issues

a. Camp Murray Landfill

(1) working with Ecology to properly close – last inspected 2012 – currently an open clean-up site with no plan in place.

(2) letter drafted for Ecology and Pierce County Health department - may be fined if the landfill is not taken care of

b. Yakima Training Center

(1) site Visit to YTC on 15 FEB 2023 – discussed relationship with YTC Environmental and delineation of responsibility regarding enclaves.

(2) while the other enclaves are captured under Interagency Agreements (ISAs) such as with JBLM and Fairchild, YTC does not have one established with the Guard. This currently conflicts with DoD reporting guidance such as with the DENIX's Consolidated EPCRA Policy Section 6.2 where the host installation is responsible for reporting. Environmental is working to pull together the requirements of the report but may need to request an extension and needs-requested assistance from JAG.



(3) YTC is expediting implementation of EESOH-MIS for the installation, and it will be a requirement for the National Guard units to use this system for tracking of Hazardous Materials ordering. Timeline anticipated within the next 6 months. As part of the process, the physical shipment of the hazardous materials will go through LRC AFSBN Command instead of being received by the building managers. It will be held for 10 business days after notification of arrival and if not picked up, will be forfeited despite who purchased the materials with no anticipated return of funds. This process will no longer allow for credit card purchases. YTC will pay for the EESOH-MIS licenses provided to the Guard.

## 8. Alibis

- a. Finalization of the EMS documents will require leadership training to ensure EPAS criteria are met – documents should be completed by end of December 2022
- b. Environmental will coordinate with Military Department for training and define leadership goals.
  - (1) Environmental will determine when/where training will take place
  - (2) Preliminary preparation sent to units for potential selection

## 9. Closing Remarks – COL Brewer

- a. Appreciate everyone's time and nothing further.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Recyclable materials – use DES contract or not and how to handle rebates	Environmental team	under review
Need to determine Interservice agreement with YTC MATES	Env and JAG	Mar 23
Coordinate for EMS document training and define leadership goals for EQCC	Environmental staff	9 Mar 23
Coordinate with Building manager at Redmond to remove equipment blocking drums	John	31 Mar 23
Internal EPAS findings for corrective action – 144th DLD - Geiger Field	SSG Siers	NLT 6 Apr -need COL Sellars involvement
Internal EPAS findings for corrective action – CFMO SMSS – Camp Murray	Damon Hunt	NLT 6 Apr -
Internal EPAS findings for corrective action – 56th TIOG – JBLM, bldg 6205	COL Ake	NLT 6 Apr - need COL Sellars involvement
Internal EPAS findings for corrective action – 1-161st IN BN, Spokane Readiness Center	CPT Johnson, CPT Botten SFC Wilson	NLT 6 Apr - need COL Sellars involvement
Internal EPAS findings for corrective action – USP&FO, Camp Murray	SGT McCarthy SPC Siegen	NLT 6 Apr -need COL Sellars involvement
Internal EPAS findings for corrective action – Det 2, HHC, 1-161st – Pasco Armory	SSG Goodman SFC Ryba	NLT 6 Apr -need COL Sellars involvement
Medical monitoring and respiratory protection	George and Thomas	30 Jun 23
Spill Phone policy	George w/TAG	30 Jun 23